Film theatre constructed by National Film Archives of India

3034. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Film Theatre constructed by the National Film Archives of India at Pune, Maharashtra, is not being used for the last six months; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to inaugurate the theatre ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b) The film theatre constructed for National Film Archives of India at Pune, which is not yet ready, is still to be taken over by National Film Archives of India. The projector to be imported and procured through Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals has not yet arrived. The work relating to A/C Plant, seating arrangements etc., is in final stages. The matter is receiving constant attention of the authorities concerned.

Decentralisation of system of registration of newspapers

3035. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to decentralise the system of registration of newspapers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three regional offices of the Registrar of Newspapers for India have been set up at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay. One of the functions assigned to them is to process the applications for certificate of Registration.

(c) Does not arise.

Shortage of Pesticides

3036. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been shortage of pesticides in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken to meet the shortages by raising indigenous production;

(c) the extent to which it affects the farmers; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up some more petrochemical units in the rural areas of the country to meet the pesticide shortage and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) to (c) The Government are continuously monitoring production and availability of pesticides and taking steps like additional licencing, better availability of raw materials, etc., for enhanced production of pesticides. In order to ensure timely and adequate supplies of pesticides, Deptt. of Agriculture & Coop. convenes meeting with States/